

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed July 10, 2009. Claims 22, 24-29 and 31-35 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 31-35. The present Reply cancels claims 31-35, leaving for present consideration claims 22 and 24-29.

Claim Rejections – Rejection under 35 USC §102

Claims 31-35 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by *Chou* (U.S. Patent No. 6,676,118). In order to expedite prosecution, Applicant respectfully requests cancellation of claims 31-35.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 22 and 24-29 are allowed.

Conclusion

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

If fees other than those submitted herewith are found to be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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